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Sir:

This is a response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 26, 2001, on the above-identified invention. The time period for response is extends to and includes January 26, 2002.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please add the following section before the first sentence in the application:

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The present invention has been made under a government contract and the government may

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